

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

Scheduled: 9:00 AM
Started: 10:01 AM
Ended: 10:09 AM

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HONORABLE GUSTAVO A. GELPI, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Sonia Cristina Cardona

DATE: October 31st, 2018

COURT REPORTER: Evilys Carrion

**CASES #: CR-16-218 (GAG)
CR-15-640 (GAG)
CR-15-781 (GAG)
CR- 16-280 (GAG)**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ATTORNEYS:

AUSA Max Perez-Bouret

VS.

[1] ALFREDO UMPIERRE-SANTIAGO¹;
[2] LUIS ANGEL GUERRIDO-MEDINA²;
[3] JUAN ROSARIO-MARRERO;
[4] STEVEN TAPIA-MORALES;
[5] ELVIN MORALES-RAMIREZ;
[6] OBRYAN HERNANDEZ-LOPEZ³;
[8] IVAN MARTINEZ-TORRES⁴;
[9] ENRIQUE PEREZ-RIVERA⁵;
[10] DAVID VARGAS-SANTIAGO⁶;
[11] JAHN FERMIN-CORTES;
[12] CARLOS JIMENEZ-FELIZ;
[13] JOSE REYES-NEVAREZ;
[14] GABRIEL VELEZ;
[16] JAVIER ORTIZ-NIEVES;
[17] STEPHANIE HERRERA-MONTANEZ;
[18] KARINA ALAMO-MARRERO;
[19] YEISHA PEDRAZA-SANTIAGO;
[20] JIMMY MOLINA-OTERO;
[21] EDMANUEL LAUREANO;
[22] ONIX NUNEZ-ALAMO;
[23] JOSUE DIAZ-TIRADO;
[24] EMILINE BAEZ-AYALA.

Rafael Castro-Lang
Thomas Trebilcock (substituted by Atty. Vega)
Francisco Rebollo
Jose Aguayo
Laura Maldonado (substituted by Atty. Adams)
Francisco Adams
AFPD John Connors (substituted by AFPD Mora)
Eduardo Ferrer-Rios (not present)
Rachel Brill
Ernesto Hernandez
Jorge Vega-Pacheco
Joseph Boucher (substituted by Atty. Vega)
Jason Gonzalez
Jose Gaztambide (substituted by Atty. Vega)
Lydia Lizzaribar (substituted by Atty. Vega)
Javier Morales
Mariangela Tirado (substituted by Atty. Cortes)
Julio Gonzalez (substituted by Atty. Vega)
Marie Cortes
Maria Dominguez
Julio Gil-de Lamadrid (not present)
Luis Rodriguez-Munoz

¹ Defendant #1 Alfredo Umpierre-Santiago also appears in Cr. 15-781.

² Defendant #2 Luis Angel Guerrido-Medina also appears as defendant #1 in Cr. 15-640.

³ Defendant #6 Obryan Hernandez-Lopez also appears as defendant #3 in Cr. 15-640.

⁴ Defendant #8 Ivan Martinez-Torres also appears as defendant #2 in Cr. 15-640.

⁵ Defendant #9 Enrique Perez-Rivera also appears as defendant #6 in Cr. 15-640.

⁶ Defendant #10 David Vargas-Santiago also appears in Cr. 16-280.

*Defendant #5 in Cr. 15-640 Yaritza Mojica-Ortiz is represented by Atty. Alex Rosa, who was substituted by Atty. Gonzalez.

CASE CALLED FOR STATUS CONFERENCE:

The government informed that defendant #22 was recently arrested and was the only defendant still fugitive. The government also stated that they wanted to meet with counsel for defendants that are facing murder charges. All parties are engaged in plea negotiations.

Defendant #22 is still awaiting decision from the committee regarding the death penalty.

Sidebar conference held as to defendant #22. Atty. Maria Dominguez is appointed as learned counsel as to defendant #22 and Atty. Prado will remain as local counsel.

Atty. Rebollo stated that his client had been outside the jurisdiction for more than a year and indicated he had filed a motion for him to be brought back, the same had been denied without prejudice.

The Court also noted that this case is related to cases #15-640, #15-781 and #16-280.

Further Status Conference is set for March 6th, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Old San Juan Courtroom before Judge Gustavo A. Gelpi.

The Court made a finding that the Speedy Trial remains tolled in the interest of justice which outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendants under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3161(h)(7)(A) until the next conference.

s/ Sonia Cristina Cardona

Sonia Cristina Cardona
Courtroom Deputy Clerk